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SUBJECT: FRG REACTION TO US/ SOVIET SUMMIT

1. FRG SPOKESMAN VON WECHMAR MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS AT HIS JUNE 25 PRESS CONFERENCE CONCERNING THE SUMMIT MEETINGS BETWEEN PRESIDENT NIXON AND SOVIET CP CHIEF BREZHNEV.

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2. BEGIN TEXT: THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS CLOSELY FOLLOWED THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENT NIXON WITH GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV; IT PRESENTLY IS OCCUPIED WITH MAKING A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE RESULTS. IT IS ALREADY POSSIBLE TO SAY THAT THE WEIGHT OF THIS MEETING FOR THE POLICY OF DETENTE DESERVES SPECIAL ATTENTION. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE EASTERN TREATIES AND THE BERLIN AGREEMENT GAIN ADDED IMPORTANCE, AS THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE USA AND THE SOVIET UNION HAS ACTUALLY BEEN MOVING IN THIS DIRECTION SINCE THE CUBAN CRISIS OF 1962. THE MOST IMPORTANT DOCUMENT OF THE AMERICAN/ SOVIET SUMMIT IS DOUBTLESS THE AGREEMENT ON THE PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR, AN AGREEMENT WHICH WE WELCOME. THIS SUBJECT WAS DISCUSSED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE NATO COUNCIL ON FRIDAY. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WAS INFORMED BY OUR CHIEF ALLIED PARTNER BEFORE THE CONCLUSION OF THE AGREEMENT. GOVERNMENTS OF THE ALLIANCE AS WELL AS THE FRG ARE NATURALLY EXAMINING THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT ALSO WITH REFERENCE TO NEGOTIATIONS (OF CSCE) IN GENEVA AND (MBFR) IN VIENNA. THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN THE USA HAS ONCE MORE CONFIRMED THAT THE SOVIET POLICY IS ORIENTED TO THE LONG TERM AND THAT NEXT TO THE POLITICAL DIALOGUE ALSO LONG TERM ECONOMIC COOPERATION STANDS AS A PORTION OF DETENTE. THE UPCOMING YEARS OF MULTI- LATERAL CONFERENCES AND THE RESULTS OF THE SUMMIT IN THE USA MAKES IT NECESSARY THAT THE DISCUSSION OVER THE PLACE OF EUROPE IN THE WORLD BE CONTINUED INTENSIVELY. END TEXT.

3. TO A QUESTION CONCERNING THE INFORMING OF THE FRG BY THE US ON THE AGREEMENT ON THE PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR, VON WECHMAR UNDERLINED THAT THIS INFORMATION WAS " AT A VERY HIGH LEVEL" AND TOOK PLACE A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE CONCLUSION OF THE AGREEMENT. VON WECHMAR REFUSED TO GIVE FURTHER DETAILS BUT DID SAY THAT THE FRG HAD GIVEN AN ANSWER TO WASHINGTON BEFORE THE AGREEMENT HAD BEEN SIGNED.
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